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In re application of:

Washington, D.C. 20231, on \_\_\_\_

Richard C. Austin, et al.

Application No.: 09/834,760

Assistant Commissioner for Patents, 5-2-02

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METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS For:

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OF CELLS

Examiner: Jon Angell

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**Assistant Commissioner for Patents** Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed January 17, 2002, Applicants elect, with traverse, to prosecute the subject matter of Group I, claims 1-15, drawn to a method of producing an exogenous protein in the cell. A Petition for a 3-month extension of time is submitted concurrently herewith in a separate paper to extend the time for response to on or before May 17, 2002.

The foregoing election is made with traverse. Examination of the subject matter recited in the claims of Groups I-V would not place a substantially greater burden on the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the Restriction Requirement and to consider claims 1-46 together in the present case.

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If the Examiner has any questions regarding Applicants' election, or if the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at (925) 472-5000.

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